

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWMS Fall Rally is planned for Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Riverview Lutheran Church in Appleton. A sign-up roster is located (below our bulletin board) in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending.

Pastor Seelman will be out-of-town October 12 thru October 19 visiting his daughter in South Carolina. Pastor Kurtzahn will be back as our guest preacher on October 18.

Ladies' Guild: Our Mission collection continues thru October for various charities. Mission envelopes are available on the sign-up table in our Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you.

"Mini" Mission Festival Is Scheduled For October 11: We will have a mini-Mission Festival Sunday. No guest preachers and no pot-luck meal (sad), but our worship service will focus on taking God's Word to all people.

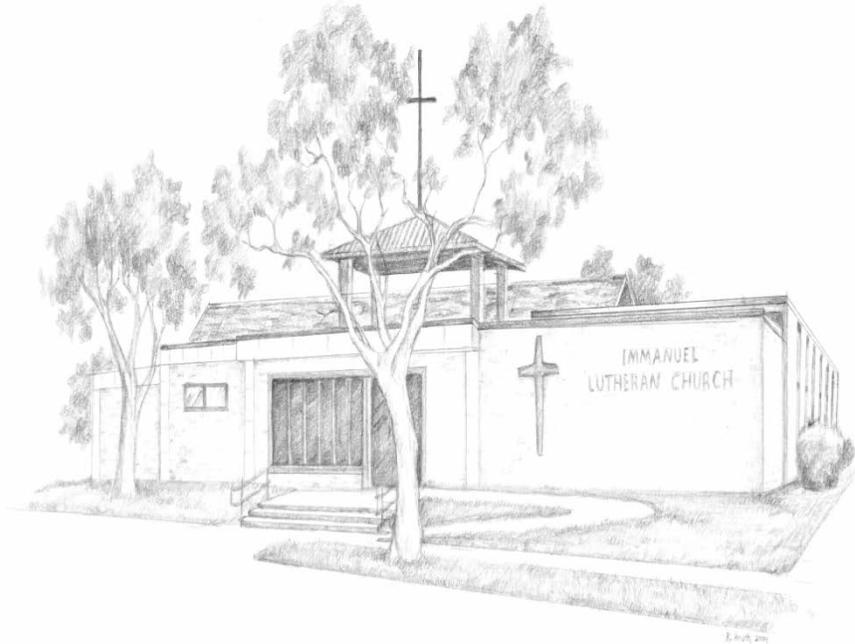
Effective Today: Immanuel will be going back to one Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. only. Precautions will be in place. Three greeters will be at our entrances and back of church to give direction, guidance and answer any questions or concerns. We have adequate capacity to safely worship with one Service. This change came through member requests, our Safety Committee and Church Council recommendations. It is very important to sign-up on **Communion Sundays** so we can set-up an accurate number of wafers and wine.

The October Forward in Christ periodical is now available in our trac rack. Please pick up a copy before or after Worship today.

Altar Flowers: For the past several weeks, Darlene Zepczyk has been providing the bouquets adorning our altar. Thank you for creating and providing these beautiful arrangements!

Please keep in your prayers: Larry Pfaffenroth (Fond du Lac care facility) and Addie Strasser (now on hospice).

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 09-20	\$1,607.00	This week at Immanuel:	
Budgeted Need to date	\$118,560.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Budgeted Received to date	\$115,618.58	Sunday	9:00 a.m. (only) Worship Service
Worship Attendance 09-20	49	Any Day	Private Communion (Call Pastor)



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October 4, 2020

WORSHIP THEME: The privilege to serve our Lord in this life is a gift of his grace.

OPENING HYMN: 263 *All Glory Be to God on High* (v. 1&2)

**1. All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;
Oh, thank him for his goodness!**

**2. We praise, we worship you, we trust; We give you thanks forever,
O Father, that your rule is just, And wise and changes never.
In boundless pow'r, with mighty reign, Done is whatever you ordain;
Your rule brings countless blessings!**

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm 27

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my salvation—of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*

be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*

O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*

the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 593 *Now the Light Has Gone Away*

- 1. Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking you to watch and keep, And to send me quiet sleep.**
- 2. Jesus, Savior, wash away, All that I've done wrong today.
Make me ever more like you, Good and gentle, kind and true.**
- 3. Let my near and dear ones be, Safe with you eternally.
Oh, bring me and all I love, To your happy home above.**
- 4. Now my evening praise I give; You once died that I might live.
All your precious gifts are free—Oh, how good you are to me!**
- 5. Ah, my best and kindest Friend, You will love me to the end.
Let me love you more and more, Always better than before.**

Announcements and Dismissal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9 (EHV)

God's plan to save sinners is so lofty that natural man cannot comprehend it. It is a plan of pure mercy and free pardon. The only hope for sinners is to abandon their proud, self-righteous thoughts and receive God at his time and on his terms.

55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon.

Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27 (Spoken / Sung in unison)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:18-27 (EHV)

Paul speaks of the joyful tension in which a Christian lives. On the one hand, we long to be with Christ in heaven. On the other hand, we are happy to serve Christ on earth. May God give us courage and willingness to exalt our Savior in life and in death.

1:18 What does it matter? Only this, that in every way, whether for outward appearance or for the truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus. Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 390 *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

- 1. Salvation unto us has come, By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.**
- 2. What God does in his law demand, And none to him can render,
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand, For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires, The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.**
- 3. It is a false, misleading dream, That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem, And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright, To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.**
- 4. Yet as the law must be fulfilled, Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed, And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**
- 5. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.**
- 6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!**

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 20:1-16 (EHV)

20:1 "Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. 4 To these he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. 6 When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, 'Why have you stood here all day unemployed?'

7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' "He told them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'
8 When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.'

9 "When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. 10 When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. 11 After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: 12 'Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!'

13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. 15 Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last."

SERMON THEME: You'll Get What You Have Coming

1. Will it be what you expect?
2. Will you be thankful for it?

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**